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SUBJECT: DUTCH TO VOTE YES ON BIOTECH CORN

REF: A. STATE 58647

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(SBU) FAS The Hague delivered ref A points on May 4 to Hanneke Bresser, Policy Officer, Dutch Environment Ministry. Bresser confirmed, as reported ref B, that the Dutch will vote yes to approve the European Commission proposal to approve for import, food and feed purposes the two biotech corn varieties (NK603xMON810 and 150xNK603) at the May 10 EU Standing Committee meeting. She reiterated that the GONL concurs with the European Food Safety Authority that these varieties are safe.

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